

REMARKS

In the above-mentioned Office Action, all of the pending claims, claims 1-20, were rejected. Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14-17, 19, and 20 were rejected under §103(a) over the combination of Rydbeck and Grube. And, claim 3, 8, 13, and 18 were rejected under §103(a) over the combination of Rydbeck, Grube, and Cannon.

Responsive to the rejection of the claims, independent claims 1 and 11 have been amended, as set forth herein, in manners believed better to distinguish the invention of the present application over the cited references, in any combination.

With respect to independent claim 1, as now-amended, to recite structure not shown in any of the references. And, claim 11 has been analogously amended.

Support for the proposed amendments can be found, for instance, on page 8, lines 17-24 and page 11, lines 6-16.

The Examiner relied upon Rydbeck for showing a communication system including a phone and a wireless headset. The Examiner acknowledged that Rydbeck fails to disclose a plurality of access points in which the access points are capable of establishing a communications path between an access point emulating the phone and an access point emulating the headset when the phone and the headset are separated by a distance greater than a distance limit. But, the Examiner relied upon Grube for such disclosure.

With respect to exemplary claim 1, the claim has been amended, now to recite a phone operable pursuant to a first wireless communication protocol and a wireless headset mated with the phone, also operable pursuant to the communication protocol. And, the plurality of access points has been amended to recite that an access point of the plurality emulates the phone with the wireless headset and for communicating therewith pursuant to the first communications protocol and an access point of the plurality emulating the wireless headset with the phone and for communicating therewith pursuant to the first communications protocol.

Grube fails to disclose such structure. Grube, for instance, fails to disclose any more than a pair of communication units 102 and 103. And, while antennas 104 and 105 are disclosed,

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there is no disclosure of any of the antennas acting to emulate a phone or a wireless headset, as now recited, all using a first communications protocol.

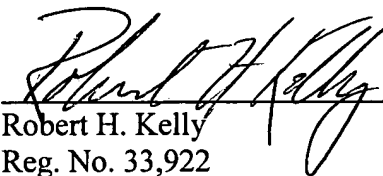
And, as Rydbeck and Grube pertain to different communication technologies, their combination can not provide a system that utilizes a common protocol as recited now in the system of claim 1 and in the method of claim 11, as now-presented.

Various of the dependent claims have been amended responsive to amendments made to their parent claims. As the dependent claims include all of the limitations of their respective parent claims, these claims are believed to be patentably distinguishable over any combination of the references for the same reasons as those given with respect to their parent claim.

In light of the foregoing, therefore, independent claims 1 and 11, and the dependent claims dependent thereon are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reexamination and reconsideration for allowance of these claims is respectfully requested. Such early action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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